

DIDN'T STRIKE  
ON DATE FIXED

Bangor & Aroostook Conductors and Trainmen Delayed Action

VOTED TO HEAR ROAD'S  
FORMAL REPLY

Meanwhile Strike of Engineers and Firemen Started Second Week

Bangor, Me., Jan. 27.—The time limit set by the 250 conductors and trainmen on the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, when they demanded increased wages a month ago, expired and the road's formal reply is expected at a conference of President Percy Todd and the union representatives.

Talk of strike at this time was dispelled by the action of the men yesterday in voting to take no action until after a report of the conference was received. The committee probably will not report until next Sunday. President Todd's reply, it is expected, will be unfavorable.

The engineers and firemen's strike started its second week today. The men are still firm in their demands for increased pay. The road claims their places are nearly all filled and the freight and passenger service is almost normal.

**Rumors of Defective Engineer Work.**  
President Todd stated that only two complaints had been received at the offices of the company of accidents due to new engineers; that in one case, on the Old Town branch, the complaint was found to be well grounded and the engineer was taken off, and that in the other case it had been found that the accident was the result of a conspiracy against the engineer, who was in no way at fault.

President Todd said that the published report that Edward York, the engineer who is alleged to have been induced to leave the employ of the Bangor & Aroostook by William J. Orr, a striking engineer, and who appeared in court at Houlton Saturday as a witness against Orr, had been arrested in Boston for stealing a watch from his company, is untrue, and that York is to resume his place.

## SETTLEMENT SEEMS NEAR.

So Far As Larger Portion of Garment Workers Are Concerned.

New York, Jan. 27.—The strike of the garment workers of this city seems to be in a fair way of settlement so far as the larger portion of the strikers are concerned. At a conference yesterday a proposition, providing for a sliding scale of wages, increase to be applied to both regular and piece workers and a 52-hour week, was made by representatives of manufacturers, employing about 75,000 of the more than 100,000 garment workers who have been on strike four weeks. The leaders of the United Garment Workers of America, that the union representatives tentatively accepted the proposal, agreeing to place it before their executive board for final action, is accepted as a favorable development.

The proposition of the representatives of the Manufacturers and Merchants' association and the Clothing Contractors' association, as tentatively accepted, calls for an immediate increase of ten per cent. for all workers receiving \$12 a week or less; 7 1/2 per cent. for all workers receiving more than \$12 and less than \$15, and for all receiving more than \$15, an increase of five per cent. In no case is the increase to be less than one dollar per week.

The New York Clothing Trades association, which has refused to recognize the union or to deal with its representatives, is not a party to the agreement. A letter addressed to the union officials and signed by the representatives of the two manufacturers' associations agreeing to carry out their part of the new contract will be delivered today. The answer of the union executive board is expected to be made early this week.

## ETTOR IN CHICAGO.

He Proposes to Start a Waiters' Strike There.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Joseph J. Ettor, touched here last night to assist in organizing the waiters into the Industrial Workers of the World. A strike is threatened.

## BURIED AT ANNAPOLIS.

Body of John Paul Jones—First Admiral of U. S. Navy.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 27.—With simple but impressive ceremonies the body of John Paul Jones, first admiral of the American navy, was yesterday placed in his final resting place in the new crypt under the Naval Academy chapel. Secretary of the Navy Meyer, French ambassador Jusserand and Governor Goldsborough were among those present.

Escorted by a brigade of 700 midshipmen, at whose head was the Naval academy band playing a funeral dirge, theasket was transported from Bancroft hall to the chapel on a car drawn by a squad of bluejackets. It was then carried on the shoulders of the "jackies" into the crypt, lowered into a receptacle shielded out of solid marble and a heavy marble lid placed over it.

Afterward memorial services were held at the chapel conducted by Chaplain Kott of the Naval academy and Chaplain U. G. B. Pierce of the United States senate.

The body of the famous sea fighter and hero of the battle of the Clouds, who was brought to this country from France several years ago.

## KILLED FIGHTING MOROS.

Capt. Patrick M'Nally and Six Enlisted Men of Scouts.

Manila, Jan. 27.—A wireless dispatch from Brig.-Gen. John J. Pershing, commanding the department of Mindanao, gives details of an engagement which occurred on the morning of January 23 at Tagitai between Moros and detachments of Philippine scouts and the constabulary.

Capt. Patrick M'Nally and six enlisted men of the scout would kill two Moros. William Townsend of the scouts, Lieutenants Corbun and Whitney of the constabulary and 19 enlisted men were wounded. The wounds of both Townsend and Corbun are serious. The bodies of the killed were buried at Angur barracks. The loss of the Moros is not given.

OLD WOOL SCHEDULE  
MAY BE FAVORED

Democrats in the House Are Expected To Incorporate Those Rates in the Bill Before Extra Session.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—Democratic plans for downward revision of the wool schedule of the tariff were under fire today before the House ways and means committee. It is generally expected among the House Democrats that the committee will report at the outset of the extra session virtually the same woolen schedule as was incorporated in the wool bill that passed the House in the first and second sessions of this Congress and was vetoed by President Taft.

The average ad valorem duty under the present law is almost sixty per cent. The Democratic bill would reduce it to twenty per cent., thirty per cent. on yarn, blankets and cheaper flannels and rates ranging from thirty-five to fifty per cent. on cloths, ready-made clothing, women's dressgoods and the like.

## GOV. HAINES COMPLAINS

About Hold-up in Boston Which Bothers Maine.

Waterville, Me., Jan. 27.—In reply to a copy of resolutions adopted at the New England governors' conference on Saturday, Gov. W. T. Haines has sent the following letter to Gov. Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts, with reference to the railroad situation in Maine:

"The establishment of a permanent conference of the heads of state commissioners can do no harm and might do some good. But as our legislature has now before it a measure for the establishment of a new public service commission or court, to have full control and regulation of all public service concerns in our state, including railroads, I should prefer not to see such a conference on the part of Maine until we have such a new board as will undoubtedly be created by our new public service law.

"I cannot see how directors of a railroad can be appointed by a state owning nothing in such property. Maine has no ownership in our railroads that I know of. Both our constitution and statutes restrict investment, even in our municipalities.

"I do not believe in state leadership of railroads, but I do believe in state regulation and control of them, through legally constituted officers.

"The Grand Trunk railroad now serves Maine in many ways. Lewiston and Portland and a large part of Oxford county have the direct benefit of its lines. All Maine gets cheaper rates from the western grain and agricultural products by means of this company coming into our state. We have no issue with the Grand Trunk that I know of.

"We in Maine want good transportation in and out of the state. Boston for many years has been the worst state we have to pass. It is the only place where we have to pay a toll at which we have to change cars and pay the Armstrong Transfer company, hack and hotel bills. Our people go a great deal to the New York market. Our state is full of factories whose products are sold there. Sometimes we go by way of Springfield and avoid what we call the Boston hold-up. Now I would do anything to help you to improve this condition. You may be sure that the people of Maine are at your service.

"Crowded urban and suburban transportation does not interest us. With more area than the rest of New England and with only 742,000 people, you can see how this is with us, but electrification of all our railroads is a live issue in Maine. With our cheap and abundant water power, we are soon expecting to see all of our railroads electrified.

"Uniform legislation, providing for the Boston & Maine, and we regard it as unification of corporate entity is beyond me. We don't care how you run it, but if there is anything that makes a Maine man mad, it is to be stalled at Berwick and sit two hours on a sidetrack, and when you try to get on, the trouble is, to be told that it is a case of 'Whitney's poor coal.' Is it not possible that the New England system may improve upon this? The Maine Central is now said to be under their control, and we know it to be the best managed now of any time in its history.

"Not owning a dollar of railroad stock, or a railroad bond, I suppose it is safe for me to say this. I do not think people care much who owns and operates steamships and trolley lines, as long as they are well operated, as most of ours are. I think they have a great many owners.

"The reduction of all leases of lines to absolute ownership, the New England states as a whole could have nothing to do with. Each state may control its own railroads within its borders, and while it would and perhaps could not abrogate leases made in good faith by legislative authority or make retroactive laws, it might in the future look out better, perhaps, than it has in the past with reference to this matter. Maine has done so. The later consolidations with the Maine Central have been by purchase and complete ownership, and not by leases. It saves expenses and is better business. The Maine Central railroad is a mass of leases and consolidations—probably more than fifty companies make it up.

"The charter of a railroad or a bank amounts to mighty little so far as operation goes. It depends upon the men who run it. What we want in Maine is results, not theories. We are doing pretty well now in Maine with our railroads, but not as well as we might, perhaps, or as we hope to; but much better than we did. The Bangor & Aroostook strike, now on, is our worst immediate trouble, and we hope soon to see that settled."

CLOTHES MADE  
AMID FILTH

Says Resolution Calling for Federal Investigation of Garment Industry

AS CONDUCTED IN  
NEW YORK CITY

Representative Berger Asks for Committee of Seven

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—An investigation of conditions in the garment working industry in New York is proposed in a resolution introduced in the House today by Representative Berger, the Socialist member from Wisconsin. The resolution would authorize a committee of seven to inquire into the conditions surrounding the trade and the strike.

The resolution says the wages are so low that healthy surroundings and a decent standard of living have become almost impossible. It is also charged, says the preamble, that vice and crime bred of needless misery are coincident to the manufacture of the nation's clothing and, further, that the manufacture is carried on in filthy and unsanitary places.

THOUGHT OF  
OTHERS' SAFETY AS  
HE KILLED HIMSELF

New York Suicide Warned Them to Air the House Thoroughly as He Had Turned on the Gas.

New York, Jan. 27.—Before August Tellman, a bookkeeper who was out of work, killed himself with gas early today he thought of the safety of others in the house and posted a sign on the bedroom door, reading as follows: "Open window of kitchen first; also windows of bedrooms; gas on since midnight under high pressure." A policeman followed instructions and found the body.

## AID FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS.

United States Army Officers Sent to Evansville, Ind.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 27.—Capt. William Elliott, assistant to the depot quartermaster of the United States army at St. Louis, Mo., arrived in Evansville yesterday under assignment from Major-General Wood to survey flood conditions in this vicinity and to furnish any relief from federal resources that may be needed. Captain Elliott has authority to draw upon army stores and funds for tents, food, fuel, clothing and medical supplies needed to relieve flood victims until the water recedes.

The assignment came in response to appeals from Kentucky, and Representative A. O. Stanley's proposal in the House Friday for a \$1,000,000 appropriation for flood relief.

Captain Elliott will leave today for Ashbyburg and then he will return and go to Uniontown. Ashbyburg, beside being inundated with its inhabitants, is forced to live on a hill back of the town, its surrounding marshes which broke out among refugees last week.

The expected rise in the river here yesterday did not materialize. The stage last night was 44.4 feet.

## PRINCETON "STRIKE-BREAKERS."

Students Sang in Trenton, N. J., Choir Yesterday.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 27.—Eighteen Princeton students were brought here yesterday and in the capacity of strike-breakers sang the morning and evening services at St. Michael's Episcopal church in place of the members of the regular choir, who struck because they declared the rector was interfering with them and their organist. The organist also walked out with his singers and a substitute had to be engaged.

The strikers emulated their brethren in labor disputes by picketing on the outside of the church and as a result of their talk with intending worshippers many of the latter did not attend the services.

The students sang the music well. After the night service they returned to Princeton.

## REBELS CUT RAILWAY.

Mexican Central Few Miles Below the Border.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 27.—Rebels early yesterday cut the Mexican Central railway a few miles below the border. The rebel General Marcelino Caraveo, with 500 men, is reported to be operating south of Juarez. In retaliation for yesterday's movement of troops out of Juarez.

Belated reports from Jimenez, below which point the Central was cut last week, say rebels under Cheche Campus have taken Escalon on the Chihuahua-Durango state boundary. A small federal garrison resisted briefly.

## FAVORS STEEL CORPORATION.

Because a Fourth of His Wealth Is Invested In It.

New York, Jan. 27.—Former President William Ellis Corey of the United States steel corporation began his fourth day of testimony in the hearing of the government suit to dissolve the company under the Sherman anti-trust law today. He said a quarter of his fortune was invested in securities of the steel corporation, and he is naturally favorable to the corporation in this suit.

**Weather Forecast.**  
Rain or snow and colder to-night. Tuesday, snow and colder; brisk west to southwest winds.

## DEATH OF MERCHANT.

Joseph E. Fremau, Jeweler, Died Suddenly in Burlington.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—Joseph E. Fremau, for years a well known jeweler of this city, died early Saturday morning at his home on North avenue of heart disease. Although he had been afflicted with heart trouble for some years his death was sudden and entirely unexpected. He was at his usual work in the jewelry store or on his brother, Louis X. Fremau, all day Friday. Early in the evening he complained of illness and, putting on his hat and coat, he said to his wife that he thought he would see a doctor. He collapsed at the door. He was immediately put to bed and a physician summoned, but he soon lapsed into unconsciousness and died shortly before four o'clock. His health had not been good since an operation four years ago.

The funeral was held this morning at nine o'clock at St. Joseph's church, with interment in Mt. Calvary cemetery. St. Joseph's society and the Union of St. John the Baptist, of which Mr. Fremau was a member, will attend the funeral in a body.

Mr. Fremau was born in this city 32 years ago last May, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fremau. He learned the watchmaker's trade from his father and made it his life work, conducting shops in Shelburne and Underhill for some years. For the last 20 years he had been in the employ of his brother in this city.

He is survived by his wife and four children: Louis of Erie, Ariz., Mildred, Leo and Francis of this city; two brothers, Louis X. Fremau of this city and Jeremiah of Montreal; and two sisters, Mrs. Albert F. Chayer of this city and Mrs. Henry B. Carpenter of Winoski.

## ST. ALBANS CITY ENJOINED.

From Collecting Sewer Assessments by Selling Lands.

St. Albans, Jan. 27.—Judge Frank L. Fish has granted an injunction upon petitions of 15 residents and freeholders owning property on South Main street between the residence of T. A. Mitchell and the southern limits of the city, enjoining the city from taking and selling the several lands of the petitioners for the purpose of collecting the assessments made against those lands in reference to the trunk line sewer laid in that section a few years ago. The petitioners assert in their bill of complaint that the assessment was erroneously made; that the city never determined that the public health or convenience which is claimed to be a jurisdictional fact was found by the council before the construction of the sewer; that the assessments against the property were made on a basis of frontage and not upon benefits as required by charter; that the act upon which the assessment was made is unconstitutional and void; and that the petitioners were deprived of their day in court by reason of the alleged fraudulent acts of the city in not making its assessments on the day it purports to have been made. The petitioners are represented by M. H. Alexander.

## CONSECRATION ON WEDNESDAY.

Services at Burlington in Recognition of Bishop Coadjutor Weeks.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—The consecration of the Rev. William Farrar Weeks of Shelburne to be bishop coadjutor of Vermont will occur at St. Paul's church on Wednesday of this week. The services on that day will be the holy communion at 7:30 o'clock, morning prayer at 9 o'clock, and the services of consecration at 11 o'clock. The bishop presiding at the consecration will be Right Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, D. D., LL. D., the bishop of New York. The co-consecrators are the Right Rev. Dr. Perry, bishop of Rhode Island, the Right Rev. Dr. Davies, bishop of western Massachusetts, the Right Rev. Dr. Parker, bishop coadjutor of New Hampshire, the Right Rev. Dr. Nelson, bishop coadjutor of Albany, and the Right Rev. Dr. Burch, bishop sagragna of New York. The co-consecrators are the Right Rev. Dr. Perry and the Right Rev. Dr. Nelson, the bishops presenting at the Right Rev. Dr. Parker and the Right Rev. Dr. Davies. The preacher will be Bishop Parker. About 200 guests are expected from the different parishes of the diocese.

## IN LIQUOR CASE.

Woman, Whose Husband Disappeared in 1911, Disclosed On.

On a disclosure made by William Morren in police court this forenoon, Mrs. Alexina Mowatt of Foster street was arrested at noon today, charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Accompanied by her six-year-old son, Mrs. Mowatt went to the police station with Chief of Police Sinclair, who made the arrest on a warrant issued by Grand Juror Hugh H. Carpenter. The respondent will be arraigned before Judge H. W. Scott in city court later in the afternoon. Mrs. Mowatt is the wife of Thomas Mowatt, a stonemason who disappeared mysteriously late in the fall of 1911. Exhaustive inquiries on the part of the officers have failed to reveal anything of his whereabouts. Since his sudden departure, Mrs. Mowatt and son have lived alone.

## KNOCKED DOWN BY RUNAWAY.

Miss Alice Harriman Slightly Hurt at Middlebury.

Middlebury, Jan. 27.—A horse belonging to Charley Paymont of Cornwall became frightened at something near the Addison house Saturday afternoon and started down Merchants' Row in a wild run. When near the Farnsworth store, Miss Alice Harriman was knocked down and her face was somewhat bruised up and one knee more or less torn. She was taken to her home on High street. The team continued across the bridge and was stopped near the Shackett meat market. The wagon was a wreck and the horse was somewhat scratched.

## RESIGNS TO GO WEST.

Prof. Burt of Middlebury College Takes St. Louis Position.

Middlebury, Jan. 27.—Prof. Edward A. Burt, professor of natural history of Middlebury college since 1893, has tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of the present college year. Professor Burt has been appointed mycologist on the research staff of the Missouri Botanical garden, affiliated with Washington university, St. Louis, Mo. He is to begin his duties there next September.

TENDERS HIS  
RESIGNATION

Public Service Commissioner S. Hollister Jackson Leaves Service

SENDS BRIEF NOTE  
TO GOV. FLETCHER

To an Interviewer He Gives Two Reasons for Resigning

S. Hollister Jackson, a member of the public service commission, Saturday tendered to Governor A. M. Fletcher his resignation as a member of that board. In his letter to the governor he stated:

"I enclose herewith my resignation as a member of the public service commission and request that it be accepted to take effect February 1, 1913."

When asked for his reasons for resigning, Mr. Jackson said: "Among the reasons that have led to this action are my desire to devote more attention to my law profession and my dissatisfaction with the lack of accomplishment of some things essential to the public good."

Mr. Jackson was first appointed to the public service board in 1906 by Gov. Proctor. Two years later he was reappointed for a six-year term, and had two years more to serve.

## FORMER ST. ALBANS GIRL COMMITTED SUICIDE

Miss Bernice E. Leach Was Living at New London, Conn., Where She Was Employed as a Stenographer.

New London, Conn., Jan. 27.—"I am just tired of life" was the message written by Miss Bernice E. Leach, which she pinned to her breast before she placed in her mouth a tube leading to a gas jet, wrapped a blanket about her head and died of asphyxiation at her home, 480 Main street, last Saturday night.

Miss Leach came from St. Albans, Vt., with her stepfather and mother a few years ago. She was a handsome girl and graduated with high honors in her native town. She was a talented musician and was having an expensive wardrobe made which she was to wear in her debut at a school concert here next month.

For several months she had been employed as stenographer by James Duffy, architect, in State street. She resided alone the greater portion of the time at the Leach home, as her parents are employed at Norwich and come to this city on Sundays only.

For a couple of years a broker whose name is said to be Herkenrath, with headquarters at 2 Wall street, New York, and believed to reside in the suburbs of that city, had been coming to New London occasionally, calling on Miss Leach. Among her acquaintances it was thought the pair were engaged and would soon be married.

Herkenrath arrived on an express from New York Friday evening shortly after 8 o'clock. Miss Leach met him at the station and the couple were seen at the station again Saturday noon, when the broker returned to New York on the 12:30 o'clock express.

No reason is given for the girl's sudden determination to end her life except the brief note she wrote before inhaling the gas. It is reported a letter was found in the room after her death which was turned over to Acting Medical Examiner Heyer.

TWO LOST THEIR LIVES  
IN HOUSE FIRE

Stephen Kimball and George Hanscomb Were Victims at West Plymouth, N. H., Last Night.

Plymouth, N. H., Jan. 27.—Stephen Kimball, aged 32 years, and George Hanscomb of Campton, aged 30, his father-in-law, were burned to death last night about 11:30 o'clock, when fire caught from unknown causes in the Stephen Kimball place, situated on the Hebron road in West Plymouth, and razed the buildings.

The buildings, comprising a farm house and barn, were totally destroyed and a horse and ten hens were burned. There was no insurance on the place.

## DRAFTING HOSTILE NOTE.

Turkey Is Likely to Receive It By Wednesday.

London, Jan. 27.—Drafting a note rupturing the peace negotiation, which will be presented by the delegates of the Balkan nations to the peace plenipotentiaries of Turkey, was begun this morning. The document probably will be presented to the Turkish delegation on Wednesday and will give three days for any answer. If hostilities are renewed the fighting is not expected to begin at least for fifteen days.

## NEED A NEW BILL.

To Take Place of "Votes for Women" Measure Now in.

London, Jan. 27.—The British cabinet today decided to drop the franchise bill in deference to the speaker's ruling. The form and substance of the measure would be so materially altered if the amendment granting the vote to women was to be adopted that it ought to be presented in the shape of a new bill.

## DISCUSSED LOCAL CONDITIONS.

Before Large Mass Meeting in Barre Opera House.

Every church congregation in the city, six local ministers, the mayor and members of the city council contributed to an evening of a monster mass meeting which filled every seat in the opera house and left an overflow in the aisles of the auditorium. As the speaker, Rev. J. W. Shields, pastor of the Congregational church, was the speaker, and others who took part in the meeting were Rev. John A. Reardon of the Universalist church, who acted as chairman, and Rev. George H. Holt of the First Baptist church, who had charge of the singing. Pastor Barnett's address dealt with social conditions in Barre.

Seated on the stage were the representatives of the city government, the mayor, clergymen and the captain of the local Salvation Army corps. At the close of the speaker's remarks, the entire audience sang "America." Under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Holt. Users collected a silver offering. In introducing Dr. Barnett, the chairman pointed to the city's rapid growth, a growth, which he said, had been without a parallel in the history of Vermont. Into this growth, he continued, had been woven evil conditions that would be considered by the speaker of the evening.

Before launching into his subject, Dr. Barnett said the conditions he intended to describe were not peculiar to Barre and he asked that this fact be borne in mind throughout his discourse. He hoped the movement which had its inception in the formation of a committee of thirty-five, representing the churches, would not prove to be a whim. Afterwards he went on to tell at length of his genesis, referring to the "week of prayer" in which the churches participated during the present month, of the committee organization, and the plan to federate the churches in a move to eradicate some of the evils that were known to exist. While the movement was in the throes of organization there came, he thought, a most timely and concrete case of evil that instantly cried aloud for attention. It was the deplorable conditions surrounding this case that led directly to the idea of holding the public meeting.

What the speaker had to relate concerned revelations recently made to him as well as to the chief of police and state's attorney. Investigation of facts surrounding the case opened up a most lamentable state of affairs, and as yet altogether satisfactory provisions had not been made for three alleged victims of evil conditions. Principals in the case, he said, had furnished the officials with a story that implicated places and people. Their testimony had been preserved and now the problem of caring for the unfortunate ones presented itself.

In speaking of the difficulties which had confronted the committee, the clergyman declared that Vermont had made no provisions for caring for destitute girls who are over sixteen years of age. Likewise the churches could offer no haven of security. Information to bear out this assertion had come from various sources, among them the chairman of the state penal and reformatory board, he added. Such was a situation which he declared to be in crying need of attention.

Two problems are intimately concerned with any movement to ameliorate such conditions, continued the minister. There must be a reform and then there must be a prevention. The church of today has done with singing of the sweet here and here. We are dealing with present-day conditions and the hereafter will take care of itself if due regard is paid to the times in which we live. We must make of our city a community of homes, a beehive of industry and instead of boarding houses, we must have nurseries of life. But to return to the reforming influences that must accompany our movement; to-day we are dealing with the product of evil conditions, but what of the eternal grinding out process? queried the speaker. Men whose hands are stained with the crime of society will say on the witness stand that they know nothing of its existence. And the laws are so written into our statute books that the guilty cannot be touched.

Along the line of public amusement right here in our own city, said the pastor, there is little to offer the young people. Boys under 21, according to the statute, are not allowed to frequent pool rooms. Eject them and where are they to go? Your police officers will tell you they must be moved from one street corner to another. We are not building for the future for we are not making provisions for the hours of recreation.

In this connection, the speaker recalled the movement set on foot a year ago to establish a public gymnasium. The city charter, he said, would not permit this expenditure of money for amusement in any form and the committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of erecting a gymnasium by private subscription had never been heard from. He admitted that the city's charter be so amended as to make such action possible. It would be a step in the right direction, he argued.

Mixed up in the evils of another description, said Dr. Barnett, the committee had found the liquor problem. Testimony offered by principals in the case referred to had furnished ample evidence of illicit procedure and the speaker went on to say that some of such testimony would make certain persons mighty uncomfortable. In keeping within his declared intention at the outset, he preferred to keep the names secret. But to bring the issue right down to the doorstep of everybody's home, he asked of dances their children were allowed to attend. At the present time, he intimated, there are dance halls where the good and bad alike are allowed to mingle. If young people go to dances they must attend the dances of the character mentioned, as there have been no others. The speaker thought it a wide field for a federation of women's clubs to enter and he declared the question of providing wholesome places of recreation for boys and girls to be one for the parents and the public in general to assume together. They should join hands, he believed.

"Let us overcome evil with good," said Dr. Barnett. "Let us get to work to amend our city charter before the present legislative adjourns and let us by our own will create an atmosphere that will be uncomfortable for evil doers. What are we going to do about it? A pertinent question and one which we cannot foist wholly upon the schools and churches. As a committee, we want your whole-souled support," he said, in closing.

Before the audience had risen to sing "America," Rev. Mr. Reardon closed the

TEAM PITCHED  
DOWN BANK

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Bressaw saw Miraculously Escaped Death

TURNED OUT OF ROAD  
FOR ANOTHER TEAM

Whole Outfit Landed on the Ice 35 Feet Down

While driving from their home in North Montpelier to Barre late Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Bressaw were pitched headlong over a 35-foot embankment and emerged from the accident without any broken bones, a feat which eye-witnesses to the affair say probably could not be repeated with the same fortunate outcome in a hundred years. The couple had reached the creamery near the millpond when the driver started to turn out for an approaching team. On account of ice in the highway, the light wagon which they occupied began to slow and before they realized what was in store for them, the brink of the bank had been reached. People in the vicinity say the Bressaws' predicament, but the accident happened so suddenly they were unable to be of any help.

Down over the bank went the driver, his wife, the horse and the wagon. A sheer drop of 35 feet, the neighbors say, is unguarded for several yards along the highway and it was down this bank that the outfit was plunged. Before the base of the bank was reached, the man and woman were out of the wagon and to their circumstance, they doubtless owe their lives. Both landed on the mill pond, which was frozen over with solid ice.

Mr. Bressaw was taken home with a badly injured back and his wife received a severe cut on the head in addition to other bruises. Neither will be able to leave the house for several days. The horse was much the worse for the accident, although he sustained no broken bones. Veterinarians say the animal can be saved. Portions of the wagon were distributed all over the surface of the pond and it is unlikely that it can ever be repaired.

The accident has caused considerable commotion in the section where it happened and people who are obliged to travel the highway near the creamery say they will insist that a guard rail be constructed along the edge of the bank.

## DEATH OF MRS. JENNIE E. COFFIN

Occurred This Morning After an Illness of Six Weeks.

The death of Mrs. Jennie E. (Colby) Coffin occurred at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. C. Colby, 218 Washington street, this morning at 7:30 o'clock, after an illness of six weeks. Besides her mother, she leaves a husband, one daughter, Velma Coffin, and two brothers, Frank J. Colby of Barre and Charles M. Colby of East Orange. There are also a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Coffin was born in East Orange, November 19, 1873, the daughter of the late Edson E. Colby and Emily C. (Merrell) Colby. Until thirteen years ago she resided in her native town. Her marriage to L. C. Coffin took place July 3, 1898. The deceased was a member of the ladies' auxiliary to the Independent Order of Foresters.

Funeral services will be held at the house Wednesday forenoon at 10 o'clock, Rev. J